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1. The former German munitions factory at Krupski Mlyn (Kruppa-Muehle), about 50 kms. northwest of Bytom (Beuthen-Q51/Y58) was originally dismantled by the Russians, who took away all the machinery. Subsequently, however, the factory was restored by the Poles and was currently working to full capacity.
2. At the end of March or beginning of April, 1953, part of the factory was destroyed by an explosion. The detonation was so strong that windows were broken at Hamusek (Stollenwasser-Q51/T30), 12 kms. away. It was not possible to determine the extent of the damage or the number of victims, as the entire district was immediately sealed off and numerous arrests were carried out among the personnel.
3. In February or March, 1953, a refinery in Trzebinia (Q51/Y95) was largely destroyed by an explosion and a fire. Twenty-one storage tanks were destroyed and there were many casualties.<sup>1</sup> Rescue work was carried out by fire services from the surrounding district and even by the fire service from Wroclaw (Breslau).<sup>2</sup>

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1. Another report states that a fire at the Synthetic Petroleum Refinery Plant in Trzebinia started on the night of 9-10 February and lasted for three days and that no large explosion occurred during this fire.
2. It should be noted that Wroclaw is over 200 kilometers away. Another report stated that firefighting equipment was sent from as far away as Tarnow which is only 117 kilometers distant.

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